SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 32 (Sub-No. 103X)

September 28, 2011

ABANDONMENT TYPE The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this: (X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment	
(X)	NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED
()	NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 9, 2011 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 1 environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended and no new comments were received. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the condition previously recommended in the EA be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Boston and Maine Corporation shall consult with National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

If the above condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

OEA CONTACT: Christa Dean 245-0299